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S E C R E T NAIROBI 2505

C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (DOWNGRADE FROM NODIS TO EXDIS)

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FOR SECRETARY FROM CHARGE

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR
SUBJECT: AMIN DETAINS AMERICANS

REF: STATE 042311

1. AS PART OF CONTINGENCY PLANNING FOR POSSIBLE NEED TO ASSIST AMERICANS BEING DETAINED IN UGANDA BY AMIN, I HAVE FORMED TASK FORCE COMPOSED OF KEY EMBASSY OFFICERS WHICH WILL MEET PERIODICALLY AND ON AN AD HOC BASIS UNTIL RESOLUTION OF CRISIS.

2. IN EVENT AMIN DECIDES TO EXPEL SOME OR ALL OF AMERICAN CITIZENS BY LAND INTO KENYA, WE PLAN TO HAVE RADIO-EQUIPPED EMBASSY VEHICLES WITH AMERICAN OFFICERS AT EACH OF TWO LIKELY POINTS OF EXPULSION; I.E., AT MALABA, KENYA (NEAR TORORO, UGANDA), AND AT KENYAN BORDER CROSSING POINT CLOSEST TO BUSIA, UGANDA. THESE TWO VEHICLES WILL LEAVE NAIROBI AT ABOUT DAWN ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28 SO AS TO BE IN CONTACT WITH LOCAL KENYAN AUTHORITIES AND BE IN POSITION TO BE ABLE ASSIST ANY AMERICANS WHO MAY BE EXPELLED INTO KENYA. IF NECESSARY, WE CAN ARRANGE FOR PPOLICE OR PRIVATELY CHARTERED AIRCRAFT TO TAKE AMERICANS FROM
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NEARBY KAKAMEGA AIRSTRIP TO NAIROBI.

3. ANOTHER CONTINGENCY WOULD BE NEED TO EVACUATE AMERICANS FROM UGANDA BY AIR IF AUTHORIZED BY AMIN. DEPARTMENT MAY, THEREFORE, WISH TO THINK IN TERMS OF POSSIBLE CIVILIAN AIR CHARTER SUCH AS WAS RECENTLY USED TO EVACUATE AMERICAN

TOURISTS FROM TANZANIA. ALTERNATIVELY, USS ENTERPRISE, WHICH LEFT MOMBASA ABOUT 55 HOURS AGO, WOULD PRESUMABLY HAVE CAPABILITY TO EVACUATE AMERICANS FROM UGANDA IF AUTHORIZED BY UGANDAN AUTHORITIES. HOWEVER, I WOULD CAUTION AGAINST ANY DISPLAY OF MILITARY FORCE WHICH COULD PROVOKE AMIN INTO TAKING HARSHER ACTION AGAINST AMERICANS THAN WOULD OTHERWISE BE CASE. THEREFORE, IF USG DEEMS IT PRUDENT TO RETURN USS ENTERPRISE TO POSITION NEAR KENYA COAST, IT IS ABSOLUTELY IMPERATIVE THAT DECISION BE KEPT SECRET. ON BALANCE, IT WOULD, IN MY VIEW, BE PREFERABLE TO HAVE NON-MILITARY AIR EVACUATION CAPABILITY ON CALL IF NEEDED.

4. KENYAN AUTHORITIES HAVE BEEN ADVISED AND HAVE ASSURED EMBASSY OF FULLEST POSSIBLE COOPERATION.
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